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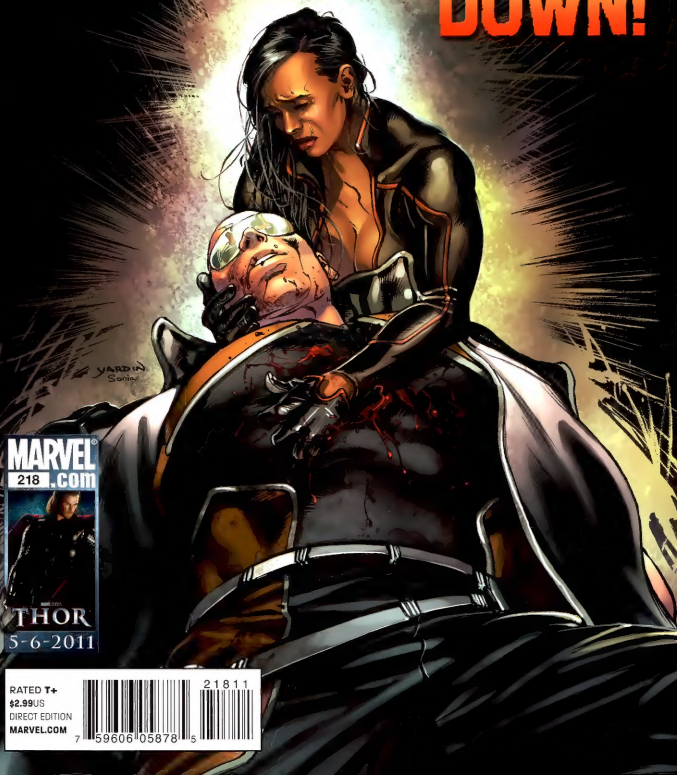
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WHEN SUPERHEROIC NEEDS A DETECTIVE AGENCY, THEY CALL UPON MADROX THE MULTIPLE MAN AND HIS MUTANT TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS...

X-FACTOR



PREVIOUSLY...

WHILE PART OF THE X-FACTOR TEAM IS INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING DEATH OF MAYOR JONAH JAMESON'S OLD FRIEND, GENERAL RYAN, THE REST OF THE TEAM FINDS ITSELF UNDER ASSAULT BY SEVERAL DANGEROUS WOMEN APPARENTLY CONNECTED TO THE MURDER. ONE OF THE WOMAN, ROCOCO, IS ON A ROOFTOP TARGETING JAMESON WHILE ANOTHER, BALLISTIQUE, HAS JUST SHOT DOWN GUIDO.

MEANWHILE, X-FACTOR RECEIVED A GLAAD MEDIA AWARD IN MARCH FOR THE PORTRAYAL OF GAYS AND LESBIANS IN COMICS. SHATTERSTAR AND RICTOR WOULD EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION, BUT ARE TOO BUSY CELEBRATING.

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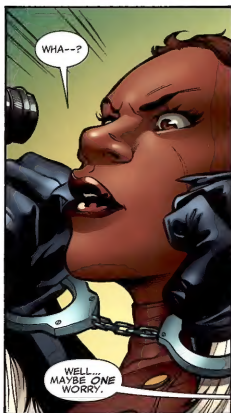
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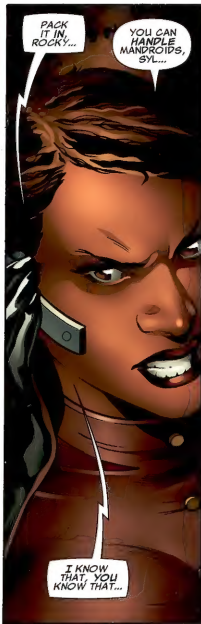


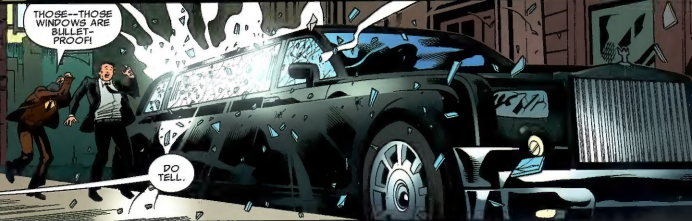
OKAY
THIS IS
MESS'D UP
RIGHT
HERE...

GUIDO--?!
GUIDO,
STAY WITH
ME!

AIN'T IN
SHAPE. TWO
ANYWHERE...
RIGHT NOW...



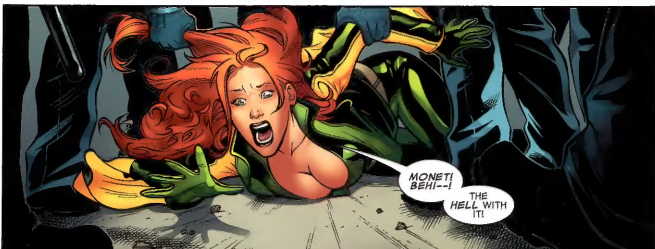


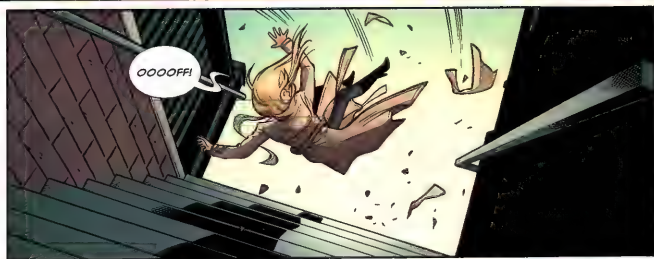






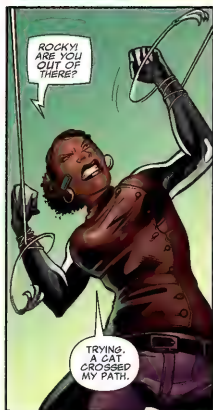
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JUST HOW
TOUGH THAT
SKIN OF
YOURS IS.

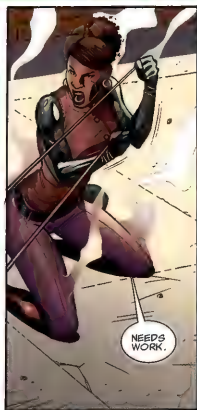


ROCKY!
ARE YOU
OUT OF
THERE?

TRYING.
A CAT
CROSSED
MY PATH.



SO WHAT
DO YOU
THINK OF MY
LITTLE TASER
CLAWS?



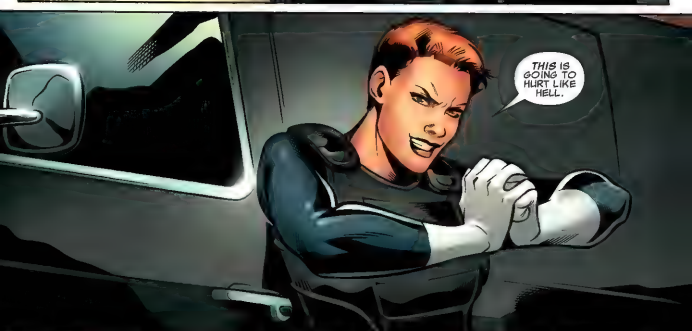
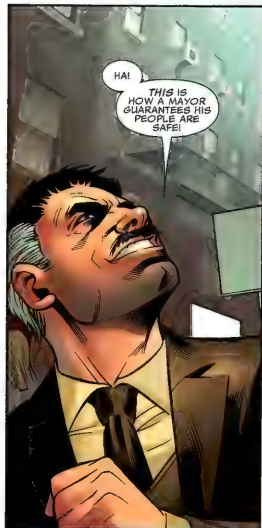
NEEDS
WORK.



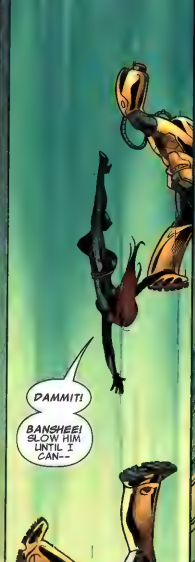
OKAY,
SYL. I'M
OUT OF--



UH-OH.
INCOMING.











GUIDO!



CALL DOCTOR CASTILLO! TELL HER TO MEET US AT ST. VINCENT'S!

I'M ON IT, AND MONET-- THAT WOMAN-- SHE'S THE ONE WHO KILLED RYAN! MADROX HAS A POSITIVE I.D.



NOW SEE HERE, YOUNG LADY! YOU HAVE A JOB TO FINISH HERE BEFORE YOU--



TO HELL WITH THE JOB AND TO HELL WITH YOU!

THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON YOU'RE NOT TELLING US...

...AND SO HELP ME GOD, WHEN I COME BACK...



I'M GOING TO RIP IT OUT OF YOUR MIND!

TOLD 'JA THEY WERE TERRORISTS.



YOU CARRYIN' ME... THE GUYS IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD... THEY'D BE LAUGHING THEIR ASSES OFF...

JUST HANG ON, GLUIDO. IT'LL BE FINE, I PROMISE...



DON'T BE MAKING PROMISES... YA CAN'T KEEP...

NEVER HAD... THE WORLD'S BEST TICKER...

ALTHOUGH... WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE... MESSIE I SHOULD'VE GOTTEN THAT HAIRCUT...

YEAH... THAT WAS THE MISTAKE...



YOUR MISTAKE IS THAT YOU'RE NOT SAVING YOUR STRENGTH.

JUST HAVE STRENGTH ENOUGH... FER THIS...



I LOVE YA, M.

SURE, I LOVE YOU, TOO.

NO, I MEAN, I REALLY...



NEVER MIND... WUZN'T... IMPORTANT...







ALL RIGHT. THAT WAS PRODUCTIVE.



WE HAVE A VISUAL OF THE WOMAN WHO KILLED JAMESON'S BUDDY. NOW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF FINDING HER.

RICTOR... THINK YOU CAN TAP THE F.B.I.'S DATABASE?

I DUNNO, MADROX. IT'S PRETTY SECURE. COULD TAKE ME A WHOLE TEN MINUTES.



HOW CAN SUCH IMPORTANT MATERIAL BE SO EASILY ACCESSED?

THERE WAS A SOLDIER IN VIETNAM WHO, EVERY NIGHT, WOULD INSERT EACH BULLET HE HAD, ONE BY ONE, INTO HIS RIFLE.

WHEN ASKED WHY, HE SAID, "CAUSE GOVERNMENT S.O.P. MEANS THESE WERE MADE BY THE LOWEST BIDDER. I WANNA MAKE SURE THEY FIT."



YOUR POINT BEING...?

THE FEDS GET WHAT THEY PAY FOR.



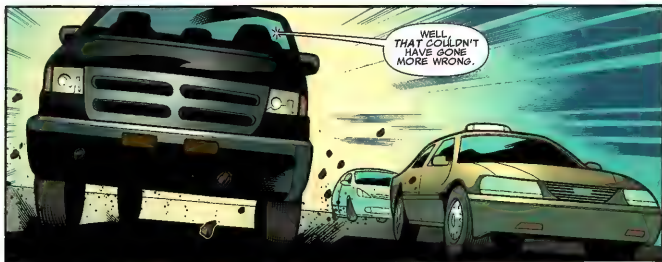
RAHNE? WHAT'S WRONG--?

IS IT THE BABY? ARE YOU...?

NO, IT'S...



IT'S GUIDO.



WELL, THAT COULDN'T HAVE GONE MORE WRONG.



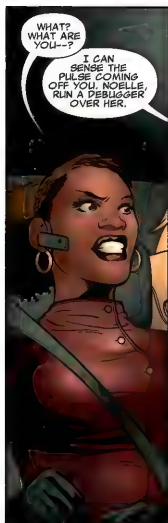
DON'T GET DOWN ON YOURSELF, NOELLE. YOU'RE RUSTY, IS ALL.

SHE'S NOT THE ONLY ONE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I LET THAT PLATINUM BLONDE THROW ME OFF MY GAME.



SEE WHAT I CAN'T BELIEVE IS THAT YOU LET HER GET A TRACER ON YOU.



WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU--?

I CAN SENSE THE PULSE COMING OFF YOU, NOELLE. RUN A DEBIGGER OVER HER.

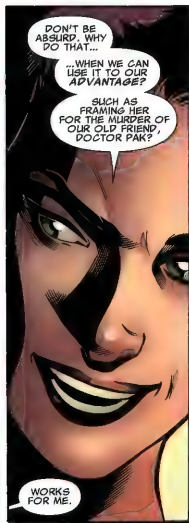


SON OF A--

SHE'S RIGHT.

THAT LITTLE FLOOZY! IT MUST HAVE BEEN BUILT INTO HER CLAWS WHEN SHE--

QUICK! DESTROY IT!



DON'T BE ABSURD. WHY DO THAT...

...WHEN WE CAN USE IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE?

SUCH AS FRAMING HER FOR THE MURDER OF OUR OLD FRIEND, DOCTOR PAK?

WORKS FOR ME.



GOD, I FEEL
LIKE I'M SPENDING
HALF MY LIFE IN
HOSPITALS THESE
DAYS.



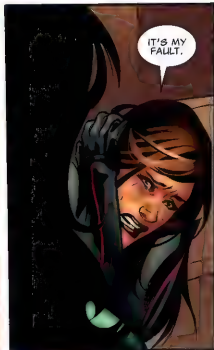
HE'S
GOING TO BE
ALL RIGHT,
MONET.

DOCTOR
CASTILLO IS
THE BEST
AND GUIDO...

HELL, IF
ANYONE
IS STRONG
ENOUGH
TO--



WHAT?

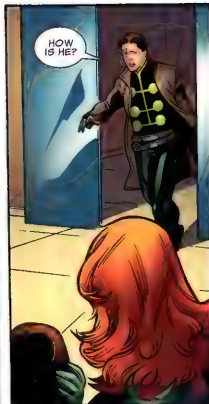


IT'S MY
FAULT.



MONET...
IT WAS A
FIGHT. THINGS
GO WRONG.
YOU CAN'T--

NO
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
THAT
WOMAN...
I--



HOW
IS HE?







MR. CAROSELLA,
I DON'T INTEND TO
ALARM YOU, BUT
YOU WERE DEAD.

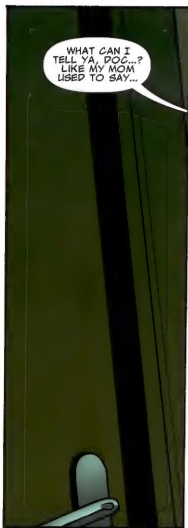
I KNOW.
ELVIS SAYS "HI."
ANDY KAUFMAN, TOO.
BUMMER. THOUGHT FOR
SURE HE FAKED IT.

THIS IS
NOTHING TO JOKE
ABOUT.

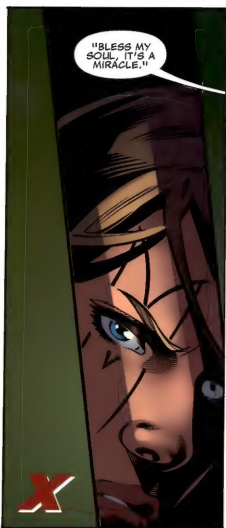
C'MON,
DOC. IF YA
CAN'T JOKE
ABOUT LIFE
AND DEATH...



THIS IS MORE
THAN LIFE AND
DEATH. YOUR WOUND
IS COMPLETELY
HEALED. YOUR HEART
RESTARTED
APPARENTLY ON
ITS OWN.



WHAT CAN I
TELL YA, DOC...?
LIKE MY MOM
USED TO SAY...



"BLESS MY
SOUL. IT'S A
MIRACLE."

X

NEXT

